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Re: Application of Yasuhide NAKAYAMA, Shogo NISHI,
Yasushi NEMOTO and Yoshihiro OKAMOTO
STENT AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME
Assignee: **NATIONAL CARDIOVASCULAR CENTER and
BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q85834

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☐ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 11 sheets of drawings.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☐ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, English translation of the International Application, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

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Base Fee									<u>\$300.00</u>
Search Fee									<u>\$500.00</u>
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TOTAL FEE									<u>\$3850.00</u>

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$3850.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

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